



Alan's G67 RYJ.

G-WAC Notes

From the
Project Jay Preservation Group

**A News sheet for those who are interested
in the early Land Rover Discoverys**



Jack's G465WAC

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May was quite a busy month for shows, the Spring Adventure, at Ripley Castle, only a few miles from home, then the Eastnor Castle Land Rover Show at Ledbury, Herefordshire.

526 and G226EAC were on SORNs for the winter, so Graham and I decided that a six-month tax would see the cars through to the Birthday Party at Plymouth in October.

Next month there is a new Land Rover show, LandLive, at the Stratford upon Avon Racecourse. If the Discovery Owners Club takes stand space and they have space for a G-WAC on the stand, I will have a run down.

The local Classic Car Shows will then be starting to come along, first with Raby Castle, then Leighton Hall and following on will be the Lakeland Historic Show.



Line up in the 1980s section
at the Ripon Racecourse
Classic Car Show.

For sale. G43 KWO.

I am considering breaking / selling G43 KWO, an early 200 Tdi 3-door in caracal black.

It needs a new rear body crossmember, new boot floor sides, new boot floor and front inner wing repairs

It does however have a whole lot of work done to it. It has a 2" lift kit, a PERFECT chassis, 2" x 4" box section for sills and sliders, a new rear door that can be supplied with it, pretty damn good interior etc.

Some bits and bobs have been robbed off it here and there, but it is 99% complete, and a competent welder could fix it up in a week or two.

Alternatively, if nobody wants the truck as a whole, there are loads of good sonar blue panels in it and a great 200tdi engine, so maybe someone would be interested in some of that instead?

I don't know what to ask for the vehicle, so offers are invited.

It can be delivered to any port in Ireland, north or south for a cheap price. If interested call me or email. 07714 455344, alan@avcmitchell.co.uk

Alan

Eastnor Castle Land Rover Show. 24-25th May.

Eastnor Castle, near Ledbury in Herefordshire, is an ideal venue for a Land Rover show, with an off-road course on the estate and many footpaths for the energetic to explore. But the weather needs to be dry to use the ground to its full potential.

Unfortunately, the weekend was so wet that the arena activities were kept to a minimum, with only two Land Rovers per club allowed to be on show.



The demonstration by Land Rover Experience was very low key, as the ground around the Terrapod started to break up. Even the footfall between the traders' stands brought the mud oozing up above the grass.

It was great to hear the voice of Richard Beddall in the arena once again. Richard is a fountain of knowledge regarding Land Rovers, and was always the compere at the now sadly missing Heritage Run, the once annual run from the factory at Lode Lane to the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon.

Our pre pro 5-door, G226EAC, together with my G526WAC, was on the Discovery Owners Club stand, where the members had a full contingent of models on display.



During my trip down to Eastnor, I lost a bolt from the rear silencer flange, and was very thankful when Paul, the stand organiser, offered to replace it and laid down in the mud to carry out the repair.

Roy.

G67 RYJ

I have done a lot of work to it, to leave it as near perfect as I can. It was very very good to start with, having only cosmetic interior issues etc. These have now all been rectified, and it has just recently been MOT'd and taxed again.

I don't like to use it much, as I feel it is too good and it is my savings bond for the future if you like. It stays tucked up in my mothers garage and only comes out on very good days for a run to the seaside or the like.



Because I don't like to use it, I bought two more 200s. One for me and one for my father. Both are 1993 registered. The red one is a 3-door with no sunroofs or roof bars, and has covered only 77,000 miles. It is also almost too good to use. The other is a fairly tidy, VERY well maintained black 5-door, which my father is driving. It has covered 110,000 miles.

We also have quite a few Rover cars, so as you can see, we are a very patriotic household! I would consider selling G67 to America now that it is 25 years old, but I have not really made my mind up. I know it will only appreciate as time goes on.

I would like to go to the 25th Birthday Party at Plymouth; I will certainly consider it, though it is at great expense considering my location in Northern Ireland

Alan

Land Rover 90. G617WAC

Those of you who met Gary Bryans at Plymouth in 2012 may recall that he was one of the service team at the launch in 1989.



Gary has just bought a G-WAC, he says: - "I've managed to buy a G-WAC 90. Its registration is G617WAC. A tidy unmolested one in full county specification. I will hopefully see you all in October"

Spring Adventure Land Rover Show.

17-18th May.

The move from the Harrogate Great Yorkshire Showground, where the show took place last year, was, in my opinion, a risky move because the ground at Ripley Castle is very soft and will not carry vehicles when wet. I recall that a Classic Car Show, to be held on a Sunday, was cancelled late on the Saturday, because of a heavy downfall of rain.

Fortunately, the weather was very good before and during the show, and a great show was held. Not a big show, there were no tyre companies, no big Land Rover names, Rimmer Bros, Brit Part, Bearmach etc, nevertheless, a great club show with all the regular clubs attending.

James and I were given two spaces on the Discovery Owners Club stand, where we were placed alongside a D2 and D3. When the Land Rover Publicity Department arrived with a Special Edition D4, XXV, the line-up for the 25th Anniversary was complete.



The club were given a very good showing in the arena, with the two G-WACs leading during the parade laps, and the D4 XXV bringing up the rear, The commentator, Diana Tigwell, emphasized the importance of the D1 for Land Rover at the time of launch 25 years ago. Diana thanked the club for putting on a comprehensive display on their stand, of all the Discovery models.

Unfortunately, the event was marred when Diana's foot was badly crushed in an accident in the competition arena, and she was air lifted to the Harrogate District Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her at the Peterborough show.



The icing on the cake for me was to have 526 awarded the Best in Show.

Roy.

Current known owners of launch cars. @ May 2014

G457WAC	Julian Lamb
G459WAC.	(Amphibian. The Dunsfold Collection)
G461WAC	John Boucher
G463WAC	Ian Rawlings
G465WAC	Jack Straw
G469WAC	Lee Barnett
G470WAC	Rob Stewart
G478WAC & G526WAC	Roy Preston
G480WAC, G482WAC, G486WAC & G524WAC.	David Ashburner
G488WAC	Robert Blanchard (USA)
G490WAC & G496WAC	Rob Ivins
G494WAC	Mark Harrow
G510WAC	Nick Prior
G511WAC	Colin Crossley
G534WAC	James Brackenbury

There were 86 cars registered on 01.10.89 from G451WAC to G537WAC, with the exception of G500WAC.

Other known launch cars on DVLA site

G466WAC, G477WAC, and G525WAC

Other pre-production, and G-WACs

B62COH & C60JKG	Philip Bashall (The Dunsfold Collection)	G316WAC	David Cox
C742HUH	Charles Whitaker	G395WAC	Sean Coleman
G87 WAC (LR90)	Chris Simms	G405WAC	Harry Harrison
G97 WAC (LR90)	Ted Billington	G406WAC	Keith Britton
G226EAC	Project Jay Preservation Group	G410WAC	Alan Young
G513DHP	Project Jay Preservation Group	G563WAC	David Spirrett
G279WAC	Neal	G601WAC	Chris Lowe
G302WAC	Sandy Andrews	G603WAC	Ian Redfern
G308WAC	Robin Gray	G610WAC	Kevin Bond
G310WAC	Mark Simpson	G611WAC	Jamie Menzies
G311WAC	Ivor Ramsden	G617WAC (LR90)	Gary Bryans
G312WAC	Simon Purcell	G618WAC	Steve Ducker
G314WAC	Owner not known	G635WAC	Alec Gatherer

Other early cars

A428JAC	Roy Preston	G757SGX	Paul Bishop
G28 RMW	Glyn Jones	G767NRH	David Ashburner
G41 VHA	Simon Tinkler	G834FPR	Sue Virgin
G43 KWO	Victor Mitchell	G843FPR	Jon Isacc
G67 RYJ	Alan Mitchell	G892VPM	Mike E Hall
G101GEL	Keith Britton	G942UTT	Keith Taylor
G229TDV	Wesley Beynon	G987LKU	Andy Greer
G234CBG	Dan Hunter	H776POJ	Duncan Campbell
G374UYR	Jack Straw	H871EWK	Mark Hardwick
G442AJM	Scott Seacombe	J140OAC Ambulance	Neil Witt
G466KUH	Tom Partridge	J463HVK Ambulance	William Wallace
G553OWD	J Herod	3656 TW 24	Keith S L Daffern (France)
G656RYB	Graham Welch	AZ-829-TJ	Raymond Bechetoille (France)
G711YRY	Peter Hares	LA DC 502	Dr. Diether Hofmann (Germany)

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